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Testimony presented to the PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

IN SUPPORT OF <u>H.B. No. 6376</u> (RAISED) AN ACT ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT OF A BOOK RECORDING EACH SALE OF A PISTOL OR REVOLVER.

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This bill eliminates a redundant record keeping exercise by elimination of the State Record of Sales, known as the "Bound Book."

This same "Bound Book" is required of all Federal Firearms Licensees (FFL); therefore the second book is redundant and a waste of time both for sellers and CSP inspectors.

This state requirement was in statute for many years, but was not implemented until a decade ago. Since that time, both gunowners and State Police have urged repeal of the requirement. This proposal was submitted by the State Police for repeal 2002, with no opposition, but inadvertently left out of the compromise gun bill. In 2010, the bill was caught in the chaos of the last days of the session and not called.

In addition, all pistol and revolvers sold require a Registration form be retained by the seller and a copy be sent to the State Police, and chief of police or, where there is no chief of police, the warden of the borough or the first selectman of the town (Sec 29-33).

We urge Support of this administrative change benefitting both sellers and CSP inspectors.

Thank you.